Second Green Revolution

†1194. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of foodgrains in the country is declining continuously;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have deceided to launch Second Green Revolution to increase the production;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) how far it would benefit the small and marginal farmers;

(e) whether it is also a fact that only 2 per cent budgetary provision for agriculture sector so far is the main reason for decline in the production of foodgrains; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The highest ever foodgrains production of 213.46 million tonnes has been recorded in 2003-04 which has declined to 204.61 million tonnes in 2004-05 due to drought and floods in some parts of the country. The Government of India is implementing Integrated Cereals Development Programme under Macro Management Scheme in different States of the country to increase the production cereals. Besides, the Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) is in operation to enhance the production of pulses, maize, etc. Under these schemes, assistance is provided for critical inputs, farm machinery, and water saving devices, etc. to the farmers including small and marginal farmers.

(e) and (f) The allocation for agriculture has ranged from 2.25% in 2002-03 to 2.84% in 2005-06 of the Central Plan outlay. The agricultural production in the country is mainly dependent on rainfall pattern and other agro-climatic conditions.

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